## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

October 1, 2010

Chairman Julius Genachowski Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As you know, CenturyLink and Qwest Communications filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission on May 10, 2010 for approval of their proposed merger, and it has already received approval from the Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission. We are writing to encourage timely consideration of the merger application.

CenturyLink and Qwest Communications are important contributors to our nation's economies, serving thousands of homes and businesses, and investing hundreds of millions of dollars in their broadband and voice networks. Continued investment in broadband networks in rural areas will enhance the economic competitiveness of each community served. We believe this merger will benefit consumers in rural America by enhancing the new company's ability to invest in much-needed broadband infrastructure and expand its offering of innovative services, such as IPTV. We are also encouraged that CenturyLink has a good track record of integrating companies it acquires without interruptions in quality customer service and operations, including its July 2009 acquisition of Embarq.

Investment in our nation's rural broadband infrastructure will help rural America to attract economic development opportunities and a 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce. It is encouraging that the merger is being accomplished as a stock-for-stock transaction, without any new debt or financing, an approach that will enhance the financial stability of the combined entity.

We thank you for a thoughtful and timely review of CenturyLink and Qwest Communications' application, and we appreciate your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

Travis W. Childers

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## Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

September 24, 2010

The Honorable Julius Genachowski Chairman Federal Communications Commission Room 8-C445 Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As you know, CenturyLink and Qwest Communications filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission on May 10, 2010 for approval of their proposed merger. We are writing to express our support for this transaction as it will benefit consumers and small businesses in Louisiana.

With its headquarters in Monroe, CenturyLink is an important part of the Louisiana economy as well as an important driver of community development throughout our state. CenturyLink is one of just three Fortune 500 companies anchored in Louisiana. In particular, the company has invested over \$880 million in its networks in our state alone - enabling numerous rural communities to access advanced technology in the modern information economy.

The CenturyLink-Qwest merger will benefit consumers across the nation by enhancing the new company's ability to invest in broadband infrastructure and expand its offering of innovative products, such as CenturyLink's IPTV offering. In cities and small towns alike, a robust broadband network is an indispensable ingredient in economic development and bringing jobs to our local economies. We are also encouraged that CenturyLink has a good track record of integrating companies it acquires without interruptions in quality customer service and operations, including its July 2009 acquisition of Embarq.

In closing, we would appreciate that you give this transaction every appropriate consideration, within the applicable guidelines, during the review. We are confident you will conduct a thoughtful and timely review, and appreciate your consideration of our views on this issue.

Sincerely,

Mary L Landrieu
United States Senator

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September 13, 2010

Chairman Julius Genachowski Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

On behalf of the communities, citizens, businesses, health care providers and education systems of Idaho, we encourage you to expeditiously review and approve the proposed merger of CenturyLink and Qwest. The combination of Qwest with the additional resources and financial strength of CenturyLink will bring even greater benefits to our state.

As you know, our communications infrastructure is vitally important to Idaho. We are convinced that the combined leadership, knowledge and resources of CenturyLink and Qwest will create a stronger company – providing more choices for both residential and business customers, increasing network investment in both urban and rural areas, expanding broadband availability, and delivering new and enhanced products and services that neither company would be able to do on their own.

Already, the U.S. Department of Justice has cleared the merger, and it has been approved by public utility commissions in eight states and the District of Columbia.

Bringing CenturyLink and Qwest together will significantly benefit the citizens of our state and enhance its economy. With the Commission's timely approval, our constituents can begin realizing the benefits that this combined company will provide.

Sincerely,

MIKE CRAPO

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October 1, 2010

The Honorable Julius Genachowski Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing to request your expedient consideration of the proposed merger between CenturyLink and Qwest Communications, in accordance with all legal processes.

It is my understanding that CenturyLink and Qwest Communications filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission on May 10 for approval of their proposed merger, and it has already received approval from the Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission. The CenturyLink-Qwest merger will enhance the new company's ability to invest in broadband infrastructure and expand its offering of innovative services, such as Internet Protocol Television (IPTV).

I am confident you will conduct a thoughtful and timely review, and I appreciate your consideration of our views.

Sincerery,

Bob Corker

United States Senator

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## Congress of the United States

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The Honorable Julius Genachowski Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

It has come to my attention CenturyLink and Qwest Communications filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission on May 10 for approval of their proposed merger, and it has already received approval for the Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commissions. I am writing to express my support for the transaction, and to encourage expeditious consideration by the Commission.

CenturyLink is an important part of my state's economy, serving thousands of homes and businesses, and investing hundreds of millions of dollars in its network. The company demonstrated its records as a communications provider, an employer and a good corporate citizen. I am encouraged that CenturyLink has a good track record of integrating companies it acquires without interruptions in quality customer service and operations, including its July 2009 acquisition of Embarg.

The CenturyLink-Qwest merger will benefit consumers in my state and across the nation by enhancing the new company's ability to invest in broadband infrastructure and expand its offering of innovative services. Continued investment in broadband networks will enhance the economic competiveness of community served, and new IPTV services will give consumers another choice, beyond cable and satellite TV. It is also encouraging that any merger is being accomplished as a stock-for-stock transaction, without any new debt or financing, an approach that will enhance the financial stability of the combined entity.

Very truly yours

IKE SKELTON Member of Congress

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Cc: Claudia Sands